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FIGHTING BEGINS NEAR SANTIAGO

Spanish Advances Are to the Effect That the "Situation Is Critical," Which Is Considered Evidence That the American Troops Are Making the Progress That Was Expected—Naval Officials Believe That Admiral Sampson Will Force His Way Into Santiago Harbor.

Washington, June 23.—Secretary Alger and General Miles were in conference in the secretary's office at 4 o'clock this afternoon when the first Madrid bulletin announcing that fighting had begun was shown to them. The secretary read it aloud with evident satisfaction and both of them expressed themselves gratified with this favorable report coming as it did from the enemy. There was no surprise that the fighting had begun so soon. It was suggested by the reporter that the troops had completed their landing only this morning.

"Yes," but they have gone there to fight and are ready to begin it at once," replied General Miles. Secretary Alger said no word had been received up to that hour indicating that fighting was in progress. He had no reason to doubt, however, that our troops had encountered the Spanish forces and had given a good account of themselves. He commented on Admiral Cervera's cable that this situation was "critical" and that the Spaniards had been obliged to retire as a strange contrast with Madrid's claim of a "Spanish victory." General Miles said that the American troops would now push forward aggressively driving in the Spanish and forcing them to fight. There was not a suggestion of apprehension or doubt either with Secretary Alger or General Miles, as to what the outcome would be. They had made their plans well and they were confident that General Shafter and his troops would be hammering at the gates of Santiago before long.

The impression here is that the Spaniards will make their strongest stand close to Santiago and the inner harbor within the range of protection of the guns of the big Spanish cruisers lying there. There is no doubt that until these ships are removed from the field of operations the campaign against Santiago will be conducted against odds. The guns of the ships command the hills over which our soldiers must advance. The attack on the town and reach the bay but we will soon bring our own artillery into play.

WILL ENTER THE HARBOR
The naval officials here believe that when the time comes for an attack by land upon the town Sampson will force his way into the harbor and take part in the engagement. They are satisfied that the wreck of the Merrimack does not completely block the channel and say that if Sampson does not come in, the Spanish fleet is likely to make a desperate effort to get out. The mines are to be considered in such cases but it is believed that once Morro Castle is taken by the combined attack of the soldiers and fleet, these obstructions can be easily removed with the experience gained in Guantanamo bay.

The only positive news coming to the war department up to the close of office

hours was a dispatch to General Miles from one of his staff officers, with General Shafter, and also a brief dispatch to General Greely from Lieutenant Colonel Allen. General Miles' dispatch stated in substance that the landing of troops had been completed without any casualties save the Cuban soldier, who had his arm injured by the bursting of a shell. The troops of Garcia and Rabin, about 5,000 in number, had met the American forces with enthusiastic greetings.

Stress was laid upon the point that the Cubans were well armed and well disciplined. General Garcia was confident that his forces would be swelled to 10,000 men as soon as Santiago fell. About the only need among the Cubans was shoes and quinine. The dispatch to General Greely merely stated that progress was being made in connecting the military forces directly with the war department.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR GENERAL SHAFER.
During the day orders were issued to the entire division comprising the newly-created command of Brigadier General Guy V. Henry, for their speedy departure to reinforce General Shafter at Santiago. Already the Thirty-third Michigan regiment and one battalion of the Thirty-fourth Michigan have started on this mission. Today's orders cover the balance of General Henry's command. It includes the remaining battalions of the Thirty-fourth Michigan and the Ninth Massachusetts regiment. This will complete General Duffield's command. The Third Virginia, which belongs to this brigade, will not go, as its equipment is incomplete. The orders also cover the entire brigade of Brigadier General Garretson, which includes the Sixth Illinois, Sixth Massachusetts and Eighth and Ninth Ohio regiments. The plan is to move all of General Henry's division on the Harvard and Yale, these ships to make two round trips. The first trip will carry most, if not all, of General Duffield's brigade. The war department allows three days for the trip, two days to unload the troops and three days to return to Newport News, making eight days. By that time General Garretson's brigade will be at Newport News ready to go on board the Harvard and Yale.

Reports were current at the war department again today that General Miles, commanding the army, would leave the city within the next two days. It was asserted also that he had asked to get into the actual fighting by going to Cuba and there assuming command of the troops. This was contradictory to the reports circulated a few days ago that General Miles would take command of the Puerto Rico expedition. When General Miles' attention was drawn to these several conflicting reports, he good-naturedly declined to discuss them. He considered it inadvisable to give any intimation as to when or where he would go. His long conference with Secretary Alger during the afternoon lent some color to the report that the general's future movements were under consideration.

PENNSYLVANIA'S QUOTA.
Two thousand men will be recruited from various counties. Mount Gretna, Pa., June 23.—Lieutenant Edgar F. Howe, recruiting officer, was today notified by Adjutant General Stewart that the eighteen companies comprising 2,000 men which will complete Pennsylvania's quota, under the second call, will be recruited from these counties: One company each at New Castle, Lawrence county; Brookville, Jefferson county; Westmoreland county (the town not yet designated); Kittanning, Armstrong county; South Bethlehem, Northampton county; Reading, Berks county; Towanda, Bradford county; Carleton and Monroe counties (the towns not yet designated); Clearfield, Clearfield county; Wellsboro, Tioga county; Adams and Fulton counties, to be recruited at Gettysburg, Adams county; Somerset and Bradford to be recruited at Lancaster county, one at Lancaster, the other Columbia; Montgomery county (town not yet designated); two from Philadelphia. The first-named four companies will be attached to the Sixteenth regiment, the next four to the Ninth regiment; the next four to the Fifth regiment; the next four to the Fourth regiment, and the two Philadelphia companies to the Third regiment. The men will be sent here as soon as mustered in the United States service and will be quartered in large barracks until organization is perfected, when they will be sent to join their respective regiments.

DYNAMITE AT A FIRE.
An explosion injures four persons at Morris. Wellsboro, Pa., June 23.—The small town of Morris, situated ten miles south of this place, was partially burned about half-past 12 o'clock today. The fire started in the store of Alexander Pincus. The buildings were all frame structures and the fire burned very fiercely. The town is without fire apparatus and a steamer

and a hose cart from Arnot was sent and soon had the fire under control. Leonard's general merchandise store, Thomas' large stable and tenant house, Wooster's hardware store and dwelling, and six thousand feet of lumber belonging to Comstock were burned. There was one hundred and fifty pounds of dynamite in the hardware store-house which exploded, injuring four people, two seriously. It is said this afternoon that the proprietor of one of the stores burned is under arrest charged with starting the fire, and that the officers had much difficulty in preventing his being lynched. It is reported that he is to be brought here to the jail tonight. The loss is estimated at \$18,000; partially covered by insurance.

The Monadnock Off for Manila.
San Francisco, June 23.—The coast defense monitor Monadnock sailed for Manila via Honolulu this afternoon. The collier Nero, which will accompany the Monadnock, went out first. The warship followed in a few minutes. Men on the Monadnock think the ship will make the trip to Manila in about 23 days.

The Yale Sails.
Newport News, Va., June 23.—The auxiliary cruiser Yale, with troops for Santiago, sailed from Old Point Comfort at 9 o'clock this evening.

THE STORY OF THE DAY
COAST DEFENSE monitor Monadnock sails from San Francisco for Manila. DISPATCH FROM Palermo announces that Admiral Camara's fleet is sailing in the direction of the Sicilian canal. CRIBBER COLUMBIA sails seaward from Delaware Breakwater. AUXILIARY CRUISER YALE sails from Old Point Comfort with troops for Santiago. SAGASTA SAYS THAT Camara's squadron is on the way to the Philippines. FOUR THOUSAND troops landed at Playa del Este at noon yesterday. SPANISH GOVERNMENT authorizes agents to ascertain opinion of people as to the desirability of terminating the war.

BLOCKADE RUNNING.

Two Spanish Ships Said to Have Entered the American Fleet. Madrid, June 23.—In the chamber of deputies today Captain Anson, minister of marine, read the following official dispatch from Havana: "The Spanish auxiliary cruiser Maria Christina has succeeded in running the blockade and has entered Cienfuegos with a large cargo of provisions and war stores."

A dispatch to El Imparcial from Havana says: "The cruiser Reina Christina escaped from Santiago and after running the gauntlet of the entire American fleet safely reached Havana. The Cuban soldiers pursued her near Havana. It was an exciting chase, but the Americans did not venture within the range of the Havana forts." A later official dispatch from Havana, signed by Admiral Manterola, confirms the earlier announcements, and says: "The Americans bombarded the battery at El Morro and the other batteries defending Santiago bay from 7 o'clock until 11 in the morning."

SWALLOW'S SPEECH

He Refers to the Indifference of the Average Voter—Will Not Assist in Building Up a New Dynasty.

Philadelphia, June 23.—Dr. Elias C. Swallow today made his first speech of the present gubernatorial campaign at a meeting of business men held this afternoon in the assembly room of the Bourse. During the first part of his address Dr. Swallow referred to what he termed the indifference of the average voter, and that absorbed with the minor affairs of life the more important affairs of the government have been neglected. Continuing he said: "Heroic citizens like heroic soldiers, inspire the rank and file of our people with a new courage, and give us a higher average of true nobility, than we could otherwise have had. What Hobson did for the navy and through it, for the entire country, every good citizen ought to do, as the opportunity presents for politics and statesmanship."

"It frequently requires a higher order of moral courage to meet and combat corrupting influences, that tend to disintegrate the institution which we live up to, than it does to march to the front or keep step to the music of the command to charge. I mean, to endure the hardship of the forced march and the bivouac."

"The disposition to be more interested in party success than in the country's prosperity, the greater held to be our great danger. 'Many men,' he said, 'belong to their party in the same sense in which a dog belongs to its master. They do the bidding of the boss and get a crust of bread. Small majorities under Quay methods and having out Quayed Quay and posing as reformers, for the purpose of building upon the ruins of the Quay dynasty, another one still more nasty than the dead dynasty.'"

DWELLING DYNAMITED.

Dastardly Attempt to Blow Up a House in Pittston. Wilkes-Barre, June 23.—Between 2 and 4 o'clock this morning a dastardly attempt was made to blow up the dwelling occupied by Michael Stromsky, at Pittston. A dynamite bomb had been placed under one corner of the house. The dwelling was badly wrecked and the nine inmates had a narrow escape with their lives. Joseph Buckwalter was arrested this evening on suspicion of being the perpetrator of the crime.

He was committed to jail to await a hearing. It is alleged that Stromsky owed Buckwalter money and the latter said he would have revenge.

HEARS, THE PEOPLE.

George A. Jenks Will Be an Active Candidate for Governor.

Philadelphia, June 23.—George A. Jenks, according to a dispatch from Bellefonte, has written a letter to a Center county Democrat on conference, in which he says that despite the fact that he had not intended being an active candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, he could not ignore the demands of the party, and as there was such an interest taken in his candidacy all over the state, he has now become an active candidate.

Mr. Jenks has requested that Lawyer D. F. Forney, Bellefonte's postmaster and one of the best known speakers in the central part of the state, to make the speech nominating him for governor at the Altoona convention.

CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS.

Washington, June 23.—At today's session of the house further agreements upon the sundry bill were reported from the committee on conference, and adopted and further conference upon the remaining points in difference was requested. A large number of bills of minor importance were passed and sixty-three pension and relief measures were disposed of pursuant to the recommendations reached last Friday in committee of the whole. The house adjourned to meet on Monday.

Pennsylvania Pensions.
Washington, June 23.—Pension issue of June 1, for Pennsylvania: Original—Commonwealth Price, Forty-Four, \$5; Increase—James Mithollen, Brooklyn, Susquehanna, \$4 to \$10; Levi Labor, Shoemakers, Monroe, \$4 to \$5. Original widows, etc.—Francis E. Hamlin, Scranton, \$4.

LANDING MADE TO ROAR OF CANNON

United States Troops Meet with Feeble Resistance on Cuban Soil. The Spaniards Scatter Like Rabbits Before the American Shells—Baiquiri Shelled and Burned—Effective Work of the Gunboats.

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PLAYA DEL ESTE, Guantanamo Bay, Province of Santiago de Cuba, Thursday afternoon, June 23 (2:07 p. m.)—Before the landing yesterday, the fleet in front of El Morro opened out and the ships steaming along between Santiago and Baiquiri to prevent reinforcements by the railroad to the latter point, shelled every village on the coast. The Bancroft, Wilmington and Vixen discovered a regiment of Spanish soldiers defiling down the railroad to Juragua, and their shells sent them scampering up the hills like jack rabbits.

The warships before the landing shelled the burned Baiquiri town and the surrounding hills for half an hour. What remained of the smouldering village was wrecked. The crash of the guns rended the rocks and reverberated among the hills. Great smoke banks drifted in shore, completely veiling the ridges for miles. Steam launches, with one pound Colt guns in the bows and the Tecumseh and Suwanee covered the landing inside the pier.

The firing was reopened after the Associated Press dispatch boat Dauntless left. The iron mines and most of the property at Baiquiri are owned by a Baltimore company.

THE BOAT RACE AT NEW LONDON

Cornell the Winner; Yale Second, and Harvard Last.

THE FRESHMEN'S RACE WON BY YALE—ENTHUSIASM DAMPENED BY POSTPONEMENT ON ACCOUNT OF THE STORM, AND THE CONTEST VIEWED BY HUNDREDS LESS THAN WERE PRESENT THE DAY BEFORE.

New London, Conn., June 23.—The great intercollegiate aquatic contests, which for months have been looked forward to by thousands of college youths and their friends, and for which this historic old whaling town made frequent changes of place today and the results again place Cornell on the pedestal of fame as the champion university crew of America, and to the freshmen of Yale belongs the honor of success in the triangular race with the crews of Harvard and Cornell. By today's victories and defeat the prophets are not entirely without ground, for in the varsity contest the seers named the winner in advance.

The two races were strikingly inconsistent with each other in that the one showed a crew of the Cornell youngsters and crossed half a length behind Yale, with the nose of the shell lapping the crimson bow.

ENTHUSIASM DAMPENED.
Of the spectators, much or little can be said. The disagreeable weather, which ruined the pleasure of thousands who came to witness the race yesterday, and dampened their enthusiasm, was the worst first of the season, viewed by hundreds less than were present yesterday. A conservative estimate of the number of race goers places it at 6,000. At the conclusion of the varsity race, the railroad stations were jammed by crowds, satisfied with the spectacle of the first contest, and willing to remain to the freshmen event later in the afternoon. After the last race the little city rapidly assumed its normal aspect and sat down to a summer of prospective peace and quiet.

The make up of the winning Cornell crew in the university race was as follows:

Name.	Wt.	Ht.	Age.
C. B. English, Wheeling, W. Va., stroke.	139	5'6"	20
S. W. Hartley, Dover, N. H., cox.	126	5'10"	19
L. S. Lyons, Williamsport, Pa., No. 7.	154	6'0"	19
A. H. Ball, Portland, Me., No. 8.	151	5'9"	19
N. Y. No. 5.	131	5'8"	14
C. W. Cross, Cleveland, O., No. 6.	163	5'10"	19
E. J. King, Toledo, O., No. 3.	165	5'10"	19
H. E. Vanderhoef, Ithaca, N. Y., No. 2.	154	5'9"	17
C. E. Fay, Bath, N. Y., cox.	156	6'0"	20
J. H. Coward, Pittston, Pa., cox.	133	5'6"	21

THE GRINER TRIAL.

Witnesses Testify on the Question of Sanity.

Wilkes-Barre, June 23.—At the trial of ex-Representative James R. Griner, charged with murder, today, many witnesses testified that in their opinion the prisoner was not sane. One of the most important witnesses was Mayor Nichols. He told of Griner's queer actions at a private hearing held before him in which his wife was the prosecutrix.

Before court adjourned John T. Lennon, esq., son of counsel for the defense, delivered his address to the jury. He claimed his client was not in sound mind when he committed the crime. The case will go to the jury tomorrow.

El Shaw's Case.
Camden, N. J., June 23.—Judge Garrison today refused to grant the writ of habeas corpus for the release of El Shaw, who is charged with having murdered his mother last fall. Shaw was also charged with having killed his grandmother at the same time his mother was murdered. He was acquitted of the latter charge after a trial.

Richard Blinn Renominated.
Jefferson, City, Mo., June 23.—Hon. Richard P. Blinn, the noted free silver advocate, who represents the Eighth Missouri district in congress, was today renominated by acclamation by the Democratic convention.

MADRID REPORT OF THE BATTLE

The Dispatches Indicate That Americans Have Been Victorious.

SPANIARDS BREAK THE NEWS GENTLY TO THEIR FRIENDS AT MADRID, AND WHILE ADMITTING DEFEAT CLAIM A VICTORY. THEIR FORCES RETIRE TO THE MOUNTAINS IN GOOD ORDER.

Madrid, June 23 (2 p. m.)—A dispatch just received here from San Juan de Puerto Rico says: "An American cruiser appeared off the harbor, and the cruiser Isabella a sunboat, and the Terror sailed out to attack her. The American withdrew immediately. One Spaniard was killed and three were wounded."

Madrid, June 23 (2 p. m.)—An official dispatch from Santiago de Cuba, dated June 23, today, says: "The attack commenced yesterday. The enemy concentrated his landing forces in front of Punta Barrosa, lying eastward of our left flank, which extended for eight leagues along the coast."

Another official dispatch from Havana said that the commander at Santiago de Cuba announces that the American squadron has commenced the bombardment and is trying to disembark at Baiquiri and at Punta Barrosa. "An American warship has shelled and destroyed a small wooden fort near Cienfuegos. Seven Spaniards were slightly wounded."

Madrid, June 23—4 p. m.—The minister for war, General Corea, it is announced, has received an official dispatch from Santiago de Cuba, announcing that "the Americans' first attack on Punta Barrosa has been repulsed after a hard-fought and bloody engagement."

Punta Barrosa is situated a short distance from Baiquiri, where the United States troops landed yesterday. It is near the coast and therefore more completely under the guns of the American fleet, from which it can be judged that it is highly improbable that the army has been repulsed as announced in Madrid.

Madrid, June 23—4:30 p. m.—Cable dispatches received here from Admiral Cervera say the crews of the Spanish warships at Santiago have joined the land forces in order to take part in the defense of the city. He adds that the situation is critical, but a later dispatch affirms that the Spaniards "have victoriously repulsed the enemy."

A dispatch from the governor of Santiago de Cuba says: "The attack on Siboney (Sabana?) and Baiquiri continued until midnight. The enemy was repulsed except on the left, at Baiquiri, where the Spaniards were obliged to retire in consequence of a flanking movement upon the part of the enemy, who landed several kilometers east of Baiquiri. The Spanish forces retired in good order into the mountains. Siboney and Barrosa were destroyed by the American shells."

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today: Fair; Warmer.

1. Telegraph—Account of the First Land Battle with General Shafter's Forces. Madrid Report of the Battle. Cornell Wins the University Boat Race.
2. Telegraph—Late Professor of Lafayette College Under Arrest on Serious Charge.
3. Local—Ball Games of a Day. Financial and Commercial.
4. Editorial. Comment of the Press.
5. Does Uncle Sam Want Porto Rico.
6. Telephone Franchise Receives Another Setback. Method of Making a Tax Duplicate.
7. Local—Nurses Receive Diplomas. Celebration of the Knights of Malta.
8. Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
9. News Round About Scranton.
10. Telegraphs—General Gobin at Camp Alger.

CUBAN REPORT.

Senor Palma Receives an Account of Engagement at Playa del Este.

New York, June 23.—The first official cablegram received by the Cuban junta direct from the government, since the breaking out of the war, was received here today by Senor T. Estrada Palma. It was as follows:

"Playa del Este, June 22.—We are at Guantanamo. Position taken from the enemy Playa del Este. Fought with 200 Americans and 50 Cubans against 450 Spaniards. Complete rout. Enemy's flight shameful. We captured eighteen prisoners, one officer. Sixty of the enemy are dead and sixteen wounded; two officers killed."

"On our part, we had two killed and three wounded. We captured 28 Mauser rifles and 3,000 cartridges. "Today the forces of General Rabin and Brigadier Castillo took Baiquiri with the aid of the American vessels. Spaniards set fire to the town on retreating. Sixteen thousand American troops disembarked at Baiquiri. General Garcia is on board the cruiser New York."

(Signed) Colonel Laborde."

MOVE FOR PEACE.

The Spanish Government Sounding the People for Opinions as to the Desirability of Ending the War.

London, June 24.—The Madrid correspondent of the Morning Post says: "The government, it is reported, has authorized its agents throughout the country to ascertain the opinion of the people as to the desirability of terminating the war."

"Senor Sagasta will announce the result after the cortes is prorogued."

TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYED.

A Chinese Craft Driven Ashore by a Typhoon—130 Men Drowned.

St. Petersburg, June 23.—Information has just reached here to the effect that during a recent typhoon at Port Arthur a Chinese torpedo boat destroyer was driven ashore there and 130 men were drowned.

The Russian warship Sissol Veliky (Sissol the Great) was also damaged during the same storm.

Crime of Europe.

Madrid, June 23 (6 p. m.)—The dispatches from Cuba were read in the senate here today. Senator Navarro Rios declared Europe and the whole world is "committing the greatest and most horrible crime of baseness in allowing Spain to be crushed by brutal weight of numbers." Continuing, the senator alluded upon the grave danger to the Latin and slave races "if Europe tolerates Anglo-Saxon preponderance."

President of Typographical Union.

Indianapolis, June 23.—Complete returns officially announced today at the headquarters of the International Typographical union in this city, show that Samuel B. Donnelly, of New York Typographical union, No. 4, is elected president over W. B. Prescott, the present incumbent. The vote is: Donnelly, 14,175; Prescott, 8,675.

Jacob Schwartz Released.

Shamokin, Pa., June 23.—Jacob Schwartz, who was arrested yesterday on suspicion of having caused the death of John Plummer, was released from custody today. There was no evidence to show that Plummer's death resulted from other than natural causes.

WEATHER FORECAST.

New York, June 23.—(Herald's forecast)—In the middle states and New England, today, clear and fair; weather, fresh southeasterly and southerly winds and slowly rising; temperature will prevail, followed by cloudiness and possibly rain; near the lakes.

Washington, June 23.—Forecast for Friday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair weather; warmer; southeasterly winds; for western Pennsylvania, partly cloudy weather; for northern Pennsylvania, partly cloudy weather.